

**Palm Sunday**

April 13th, 2025

Liturgy: Special

Organist: Kathy Lueck

The central part of the poster features a background of green palm fronds. Overlaid on this is a blue outline of a person riding a donkey, a traditional symbol of Palm Sunday. The word "Hosanna!" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

*Hosanna!*

**BLESSED IS HE  
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!**



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD." Ps. 118:26

**C** "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in." Ps. 24:7

**P** "Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!" Ps. 24:8

**C** "Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in." Ps. 24:9

**P** "Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!" Ps. 24:10

**C** "Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna to the Son of David!" Mt. 21:9

**C** *♫ Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
Lowly came on earth to die;  
Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!"  
Came in deep humility.*



### Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on

them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"



**C** *♪ Jesus comes again in mercy  
When our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;  
Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!"  
Comes to save us from despair.*

### **Confession of Our Sins**

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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- P** On Palm Sunday, the crowds in Jerusalem waved their palm branches and worshiped Jesus as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. On Good Friday, the crowds in Jerusalem rejected Jesus as their King and called for His crucifixion. On Pentecost, the crowds in Jerusalem were cut to the heart to hear from Peter that they had crucified the Lord of Glory. As we worship King Jesus today, let us flee to the Lord for mercy, humbly confessing that it is our sin and guilt that caused His death on Good Friday.
- C** **Hosanna, Son of David, Son of God. We need Your salvation for we are sinful by nature and have sinned against You, dishonoring You with our sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful actions. All too quickly our lips go from praise to grumbling, from blessing to cursing. Not our palms, or praises, or anything we lay before You can make up or atone for our sins. Yet You come to us in the Name of the Lord, to be our Merciful Savior. You alone must save, or we perish. Save us, we pray, Jesus Christ our King.**

## **Absolution from Our God**

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**P** Be of good cheer, children of God, for Jesus Christ, the King of kings, humbled Himself and rode into Jerusalem to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might reconcile us to the Father. Therefore, by the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C** *♫ Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Sing "Hosanna!" Sing "Hosanna!"  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.*

## **Collect Prayer of the Day**

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*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

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**P** We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow, with confidence, Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Choir**

*"The Triumphal Entry"*



### **Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant

with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.



## Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he

was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

#### I BELIEVE...

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: WS #725**

*"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"*



## John 12:1-19

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was,

whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of

those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." <sup>9</sup> When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup> because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. <sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

## **Jesus "Comes in Like a Lamb and Goes Out Like a Lion"**



## The Offertory

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**P** “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you!”

**C** ♪ *Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,  
Shares alike our hopes and fears;  
Jesus comes, what e'er befalls us,  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears;  
Sing “Hosanna!” Sing “Hosanna!”  
Comforts us in failing years.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #142:1,2,5,6 “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer ✠

## The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

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**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** Amen!

Hymn: TLH #162

*“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”*

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**Kindergarten Roundup** – Parents and children are welcome to join us for fun, educational activities at Kindergarten Round Up on Wednesday, April 23, from 8:30-10:30 am. Please contact the teachers or school at 507-853-4550 by April 21 to register.

**Spring Musical Help** – In preparation for the Spring Musical, our teachers are requesting your help with the set, props, and costumes. If you are able and willing to help, please speak with Ruth or Lana. Any help at all is greatly appreciated!

**Easter Lillies** – Anyone who is interested in bringing lilies for Easter (or any other flowers) is welcome to do so!

**Voters' Meeting Today** – The Voters of St. John's are invited and encouraged to attend our April Quarterly meeting today in the auditorium after the noon potluck meal. Besides regular Board reports, Agenda items will include: membership items: request from Todd Rosen to be a St. John's voting member; transfer of Jim, Kris and James Sullivan from Messiah, Eau Claire, to St. John's; request for release from Jennifer Dukleth; discussions about: getting Pastor a debit card, moving the communion railing, not ushering out after church; dates for VBS / Sunday School picnic; School Board to call VBS teachers; Delegates for Spring Delegate Conference (June 7 in Mankato); Summer worship schedule; Budget Committee Meeting date; July Quarterly Meeting date. Please give any additional Agenda items to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

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| <b>Ushers</b>   | 4/13   | Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R. |
|                 | 4/20   | Kendall B, Larry B.                            |
|                 | 4/27   | Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.         |
| <b>Cleaning</b> | <b>Dronen, Aden, Ferguson, Baumann</b> (wk. 2) |  |
|                 | Up Next – DeWall, Bass                         |  |